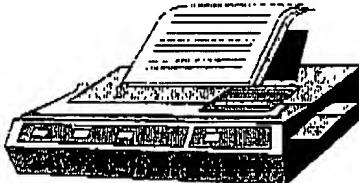


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 11, 2002, amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

✓ Cancel claims 5 and 6 without prejudice.

Amend the Claims 1, 7, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A virtual private network which enables private communications, over a shared MPLS network, between at least two private networks comprising:  
 a first router coupled to the shared MPLS network and configured to dynamically distribute first router VPN information across the shared MPLS network, wherein said